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The low level of mechanization and inadequate use of equipment at the Zyryanovsk Mine have caused excessive use of labor in the mining of ore. Labor productivity of miners in the drift-cutting group is only 61.7 percent of the planned productivity. Although the mine is now fulfilling its plan for ore extraction, huge reserves still remain unutilized.

The Zyryanovsk Mine has rich possibilities for a further increase in the extraction of ore. To achieve this, wide mechanization of labor processes and complete utilization of all available equipment is necessary. All miners must be trained in the use of mining machine.

CRITICIZES LENINOGORSK MINE -- Alma-Ata, Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, 12 Jun 51

In May 1951, the Leninogorsk Mine proved to be one of the most backward enterprises of Vostochno-Kazakhstan Oblast. The mine completed only 80 percent of the May plan and failed to deliver to the state many thousand tons of ore. At present, not a single mine sector or shift is fulfilling its plans. This lag in production is caused by the indifferent attitude of the mine management towards mining technology, and the inadequate use of machinery in working faces and in filling and sinking operations.

Strange as it may seem, the use of mechanical equipment has been decreasing from month to month. In February and March, about 40 percent of all ore loading was done by machines, in April 31.8 percent, and in May, 30 percent. According to the state plan, 75 percent of ore-removing and filling operations should be mechanized.

A large number of machines have been idle at the mine. Out of 27 available scraper winches only 16 are operating, and even these are not being utilized at full capacity. Each winch loads an average of 13 tons of ore per shift, instead of 34 tons as planned. In some mine sectors their productivity is even lower; for example, in Sector 1 the winch loads not more than 6 tons of ore per shift. That is one ton less than the amount which could be loaded by hand. This mine sector operated worse than any of the others during May and completed only 70 percent of the plan. In Sector 6, only two out of four winches are being used.

Mine director Mikhaylenko and chief engineer Tuseyev are paying no attention to the mechanization of mining operations. An example should be taken from the neighboring Sokol'nyy Mine. Here, ore removal is completely mechanized, and each of the complex mining brigades is producing up to 5,000 tons of ore per month.

Working conditions at the Leninogorsk Mine have not improved in June, and the mine still fails to meet its plans. The failure to use machinery is becoming more and more general. On 4 June, for example, one of the shifts in Sector 2 completed only 24 percent of the plan. This was due to the fact that most of the workers were busy reloading ore while the scraper winch was idle all the time. For the same reason, the plan was not met in Sector 5.

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